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365 Portraits - A UNIQUE EXHIBITION

Another day another photo. Every day for a year photographer Oliver Godby set out to take a portrait of someone he met to create a unique diary of his life and a chronicle of the times. Now he is exhibiting all of them at Blake's Lock Museum in Reading from 13th to 18th of September with free admission.

"My aim was to take an interesting photo of someone I knew or met before midnight every day for a whole year to create a portfolio which would be as much about my life as those I photographed"

'365 Portraits' has meant a daily trip to one of Oliver's Flickr galleries (http://www.flickr.com/photos/oliver_godby/sets/72157600200897004/) for many people over the last year to see how he was progressing. Starting on May 10th 2007 the day of his 32nd Birthday he shot portraits of people from 0-92 years of age. Friends, relations are present, along with work colleagues and people he met as part of living an interesting life that reflect his travels around the UK and abroad, all recorded in both colour and black and white.

"The challenge I had was to find 365 ways of taking someone's portrait that would give some insight into their character and be an interesting photograph."

Oliver Godby splits his life between freelance computer programming and photography. Born in Chorley, Lancashire he now lives in Reading where he enjoys the rich culture in the town, and in the surrounding area.

"I am hoping that this exhibition will stimulate people to think about the people they meet every day and to consider taking special portraits of their friends and family. "

"I am very pleased with the collection as a whole and the task I set myself meant that I had to go out of my way to meet people. Sometimes it was touch and go that I would find someone who would agree to be my portrait of the day."

After Reading Oliver hopes that he may be able to take the exhibition to other venues around the country.

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Information for editors

The exhibition is at:

The Turbine Hall,
Blakes Lock Museum,
Gas Works Road,
Reading,
Berkshire,
RG1 3DH

(The museum shares the grounds of a restaurant called **Bel and the Dragon**)

Times of opening:

Weekdays: 1000h to 2230h

Weekends: 1030h to 2230h

The exhibition is running from 13/09/2008 to 18/09/2008 inclusive)

Admission FREE

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Example Pictures:



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